



COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL
DE LA
CROIX-ROUGE

LE PRÉSIDENT

Geneva, November 28 th, 1962.

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Dear Mr. Thant,

I should like to thank you most sincerely for the very kind letter, dated November 9 th, you handed to my colleague Mr. Ruegger, just before he left New York.

My colleagues on the International Committee, who have all read this letter, have also asked me to express their deep appreciation. I can assure you that my colleagues and I are most grateful for the understanding and confident atmosphere which characterized your talks with our representatives.

I hardly need to add, as you yourself stress in your letter, that every effort which may constitute a contribution to the prevention of nuclear war is indeed of

To His Excellency
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Acting Secretary-General
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New York N. Y.

paramount concern to all of us. You have understood that it was with this aim in view that the International Committee felt in duty bound to co-operate, within the limits of its possible action, at a time of very great peril to mankind. Happily, largely thanks to your efforts, the tension created by the Cuban crisis now appears to be easing.

For the International Committee, however, as Mr. Ruegger told you, certain problems remain unsolved and the International Committee must pursue its efforts, within its traditional field, towards assisting the detainees in Cuba. Though their approaches have not met with much response from the Cuban Authorities of late the International Committee cannot leave this important humanitarian problem, which is of such immediate concern to so many both in Cuba and abroad, in abeyance.

With my renewed thanks for your friendly co-operation and understanding of our position,

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Léopold Boissier', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Léopold BOISSIER